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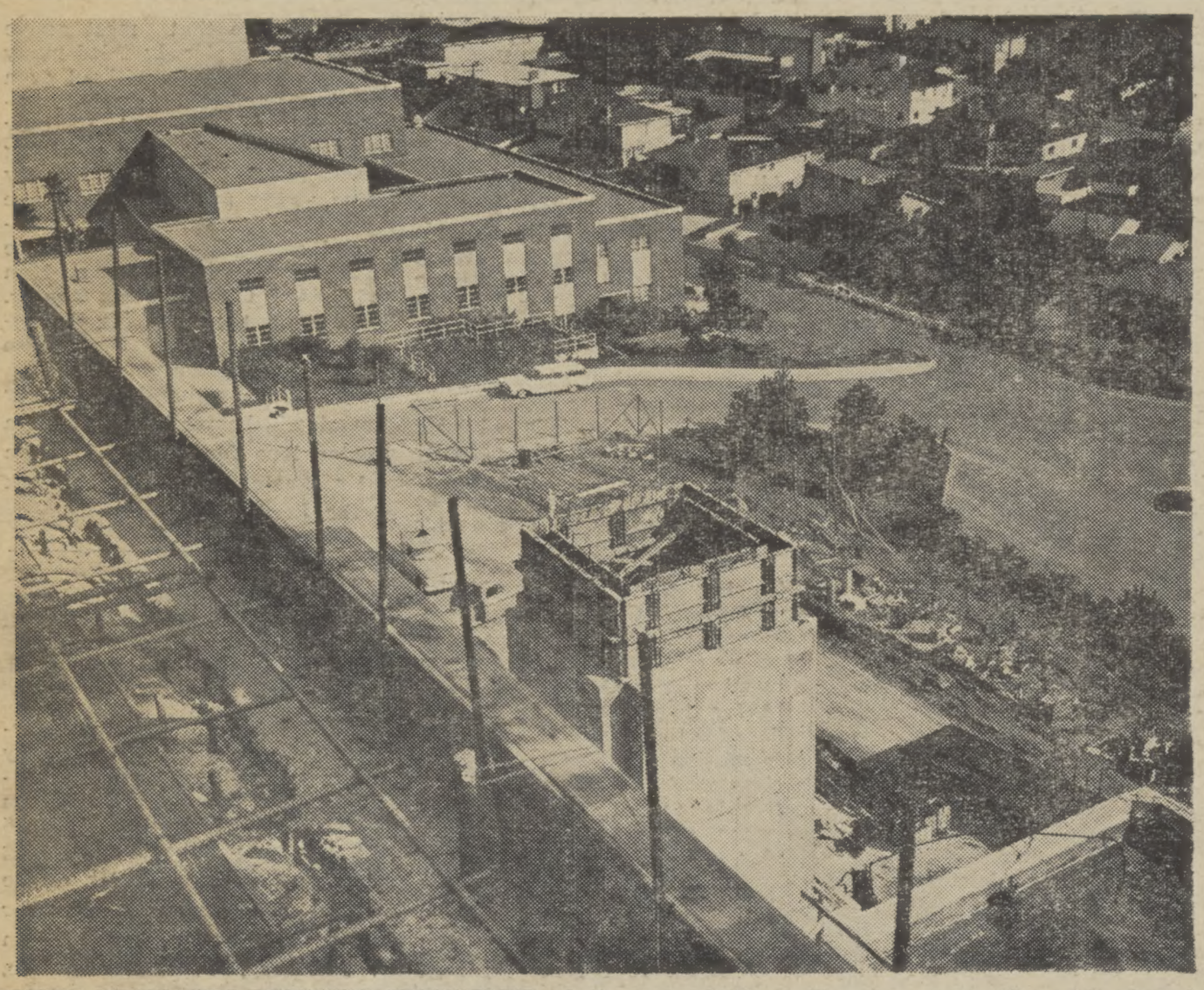


TAKEN FROM THE TOPMOST STRUCTURE of the new Oakland Temple construction, this view is from a point to which will be added 27 feet more to the height of the wall, then a roof, then the spire of the new Oakland Temple. Photo November 4, 1963, by Robert C. McCrea.

Oakland Temple Progress Report

By Nell Smith

"If there is to be a heaven on earth it will be right here." This is the opinion of Robert Loder, construction superintendent of the Oakland Temple, while reporting on the progress of the work of the building.

Brother Loder, who worked with his father on construction of the Los Angeles Temple, reports that the specifications on the type of work and materials required by the blue-prints were of such superior quality that sub-contractors who offered bids on the work were vocally impressed. Only the very finest materials have been used throughout the construction.

In recent months workers have been pressing forward to get the building roofed over before the onset of the highly unpredictable northern California rainy season.

Many new craftsmen have taken over the interior work which is well underway. All of the rough paneling has been completed, including the tile floors and walls of the dressing rooms.

The Bureau of Information and office annex are almost finished and include comfortable lounges and special equipment for showing informative movies.

The buildng compared with other Temples in the Church, is of medium size, but the skillful design and planning includes the maxium use of the newest electronic audio-visual devices. The capacity of the Temple, with the installaton of these modern communication facilities, equals that of the Los Angeles Temple.

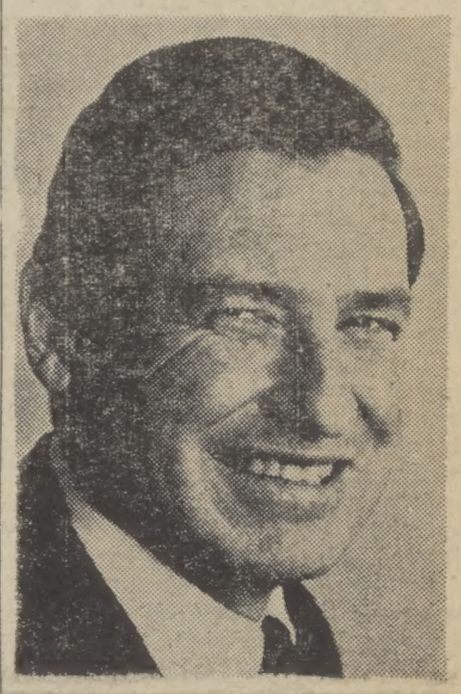
Veteran church architect, Arthur Price, oversees the work of the contractors and engineers. He has taken a house across the street from the Temple site.

The Temple is located on the same site as the East Bay Interstake Center at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Warren Freeway. This $2 000 000 building was dedicated by President McKay in September 1960. It is used by five stakes in the Bay area.

We—you and I—are shocked, horrified, distressed, as are all loyal Americans at the senseless murder of Our President.

Our deep sympathy is with those closest to him and who loved him most, his family, and to us all, that such an unspeakable crime could occur in Our Beloved Country.

For the warped mind of him who perpetrated this foul deed, "May God have mercy on his soul!"



WILL ROGERS, JR., will be star for a touring old-fashioned vaudeville group, available to help building funds in the Bay Area, according to DeVon Stanfield of Studio City Ward. Burbank Stake. DeVon will be in the Bay Area to accept dates for the show after the Thanksgiving holidays. He can be reached at 11911 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood.

Will Rogers Jr. In LDS Benefits

Will Rogers Jr., talented son of the late, beloved humorist Will Rogers, Sr., has announced that he will star in a series of building fund benefits for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints throughout the Western United States.

The show, which is being produced by DeVon Stanfield a member of the Studio City ward in Burbank stake,will commence touring the latter part of February. DeVon will be in the Bay Area following Thanksgiving holidays to query wards about bookings.

Mr. Roger will act as host for the show, perform some of his noted rope tricks, tell humorous stories, participate in various skits.

The show will be an authentic, old-fashoned type vaudeville production and will feature an all LDS cast for the balance of the acts. Included will be a juggler, a barbershop quartet, a song and dance team, a vocal trio, a tenor, a ventriolquist, a comedian, and numerous combinations of these in skits and prouction numbers.

Wards interested may reach Brother Stanfield at 11911 Magnolia Boulevard, North Hollywood or call him at PO 3-5931.

Three Girls, One Volkswagon, Six Weeks—9,000 Miles

By Jean Lauper

Three good friends, all nurses, left September 20 on a 9000 mile automobile trip which lasted 6 weeks and took them across the continent and back. They travelled in Marguerite Roehl's Volkswagon. She was occompanied by Alvina Mairs and Naomi Bauman. After leaving San Francisco they went up the coast to Canada, visiting Banff and Lake Louise before turning east. .At Niagara Falls they came back to the USA and visited Palmyra, N. Y. then back to eastern Canada to see Montreal and Quebec. Then they drove south, visiting Sister Mairs' daughter Marilyn Saunders, who with her family, lives in Andover, Mass. Three days were spent in New York City where they did all of the interesting things tourists do, boat trips, to the statue of Liberty and even a ride through Central Park in a handsome cab. After visiting Washington they went to Mount Vernon and followed the Shenandoah Valley south. Across Louisiana, Alabama and Texas they drove and to the Carlsbad Caverns, stayed briefly in Flagstaff, then back to California and up the coast for home.

Soon after returning home Sister Roehl moved down to Santa Clara where she has purchased an apartment house.

The Sunset Ward choir recently entertained at a buffet supper and party honoring Sally Hanson and Eddie Krieger, assistant director of the choir, who were married on November 22. An entertaining feature of the evening occurred when three different groups of choir members composed original songs about the bridal couple and sang them to the group. Larry Luke has been appointed president of the choir by the Bishoric.

Hayward Stake Meeting Slated

Three prominent auxiliary organization leaders of the Church will attend quarterly conference of the Hayward Stake Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8.

They are Herald L. Carlston, a member of the Sunday School General Board; Edmund M. Evans and Virginia S. Lake, representing the Young Mens' and Young Women's Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church.

General sessions of the conference will be conducted Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. by Stake President Francis Benjamin Winkel, 188 Pickering Avenue, Fremont.

Visitors are welcome to attend these meetings in the East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland.

Elder Carlston is director of the University of Utah Placement Bureau. He is also a consultant to the personnel department of the of the Atomic Energy Commission at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He has held numerous responsible positions in the Church.

Elder Evans was bishop of the Cummings Ward for five years. He has served as a guide on Temple Square and fulfilled a mission in Great Britain.

Mrs. Lake has served 18 years as ward organist. She is now working on the Gleaner Commitee of the Board ,and has been a Salt Lake high school P.T.A. president.

Special meetings for Sunday School and MIA leaders will be held Saturday.

Your reporters are all volunteers. Their only rewards are satisfaction in their work and an occasional "thank you." Have YOU paid your reporter lately?

Your publisher, editor, associate editors, and Inter-Stake Committee thank them all, most of whom are amateurs as well as volunteers. Without them The Messenger would be impossible.

Many wards have no regular reporter. We need more volunters.

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Now 23 Stakes In Temple District

By Nell Smith

There were 19 stakes in the Oakland Temple District when it was created January 23, 1961, under the personal direction of President David O. McKay .

When President McKay returned to the Bay Area in May, 1962, to officiate at the Temple groundbreaking ceremonies, the district had grown to twenty-two stakes. Now there are twenty-three stakes in the area for which the northern California Mission can be given a great deal of credit. (The mission ranked second in the Church in the number of convert baptisms last month.)

President O. Leslie Stone, Oakland-Berkeley stake, and president of the Oakland Temple District, reports that the $500,000 contribution to the estimated $2,500,000 cost of construction, pledged by stake leaders in January 1961, has been over-subscribed by $80,000.

Opportunities for contributing to the fund will be open until time of dedication and President Stone predicts that the amount will reach $600,000 or more. This local contribution will equal about one-fourth of the cost of the Temple.

New Year's Eve Party Planned

By Geraldine Monson

New Year's Eve will be more fun than ever if you celebrate it at the Interstake Center this year. The combined M.I.A. boards of Hayward and San Leandro Stakes are making plans for a delightful party for everyone over 14. They urge that young people between 14 and 16 be encouraged to come in groups instead of with dates. It will be semi-formal, as usual, and will start promptly at 9:00. The Coachmen will provide the music and a moderate donation will be requested to cover their cost and that of a buffet supper.

Mission Ward

Ronnie McKune To Austria Mission

Ronnie McKune of Mission Ward left for the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, November 4. He will serve in Austria.

Beside the farewell testimonial at the ward, Ronnie was honored at a special dinner given by the parents of his close friend Larry Lollar. The October 19 dinner was attended by many friends including Bishop Barber and his wife of Mission ward: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pietsch, Melvin Barber, Jeanie Coopley, Mary Ellen Unger, and Larry Lollar.

386 Stakes . . . Oops! . . . 387

The 386th and 387th stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were organized November 10, bringing to 23 the number of new units formed this year, according to the Church News. A division of San Jose Stake resulted in creation of San Jose West Stake. Horace J. Ritchie was retained as head of San Jose Stake; Louis W. Latimer became first president of the San Jose West Stake.

My Testimony

"... Thy Constant Companion"

By
Mabel B. Liddell

A young man I know decided to test a method of procedure learned in the mission field, in the college training. The results were phenomenal. He has allowed me to write of his experience.

Before he left for his mission he was attending college without any definite objective. He hadn't decided on his future profession, he did not concentrate well and in some classes his grades were very low—particularly in physics and calculus.

Upon arriving in the mission field his president was firmly resolved that as a first step they must set up goals to strive for, high goals that would be extremely difficult to reach—then prayerfully, humbly beseech the Lord for guidance in attaining them.

Their planned, orderly day began at six in the morning. A daily goal was always in mind as they knelt in prayer for assurance that the Lord considered their objectives wise and would help and guide them. They had an hour of concentrated study, then set forth for a day fully spent in unselfish service, teaching the gospel to their fellowmen. As their love for the people grew, their faith and confidence increased. The results astonished the missionaries.

My friend said that the power of the Holy Ghost so stimulated his intellect that he was amazed at his own ability. He could not waste his time, so thoroughly had he been impressed with the urgency of using this precious gift of God effectively .

After two years he returned home and re-entered the university.

His plans were definite now. He wanted a medical career. He had met the lovely girl he wanted for his eternal companion. He knew the Lord was pleased in these objectives and would help him attain them as quickly as wisdom directed. He felt the same sense of urgency in using his precious, God-given time effectively, that he had sensed his mission.

With pre-determined goals, missionary procedure and faithfulnes to the Lord in all things, he was able to complete a customary four-year pre-medical course in two and one half years.

In order to accomplish this, it was necessary to take physics, organic chemistry and comparative anatomy, all five-unit, difficult courses, in one quarter. His counsellor advised against the heavy load, but with the help of his constant companion, he finished with high grades. Physics, which had previously been so difficult, was now clear and understandable. Out of three hundred students he finished with the highest grade, A-minus for the term.

"The Lord helped me so much," he said. I am sure the Holy Ghost helps us in every worth-while development, if we do our part, not only in the field of religious truth.

"You can well understand why this scripture is one of my favorites:

"Let thy bowels also be full of charity towards all men, and to the household of faith, and let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidence was strong in the presence of God and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distill upon thy soul as the dews from heaven.

"The Holy Ghost shall be thy constant companion, and thy scepter an unchanging scepter of righteousness and truth and thy dominion shall be an everlasting dominion, and without compulsory means it shall flow unto thee forever and over." D & C 121:45-46

Genealogical Research Library

By Mary B. Russell

Oakland Genealogical Research Library has been chosen to be one of four branch libraries of the Genealogical Library at Salt Lake. The news is at last official and brings to a climax efforts of the last two years, which have laid the groundwork for further progress. We now hasten to privide more room, more machines and more help, in order to be of greater service to the Oakland Temple District.

This seems to be time and place to pay tribune to the few members of the old Dimond Ward Genealogical class. With enthusiasm and foresight they saw the need of owning a micro-film reading machine to help them with research. This machine has done a splendid job in the library since library opening day. Both staff and patrons will rejoice when it is one of many.

Inconnection with our progress, **we will offer two half-hour classes, running concurrently, each Wednesday from 1:30 to 2 p.m. showing how to get the maximum information** from the following types of research material: Register, Vital Satistic, Census, Military, Index material, Wills etc. These **lectures will commence on Wednesday January 8, 1964.** The half-hour period will combine nicely with a day of research.

The Public Record Office of London has announced a new program for 1964, in which they will micro-film the Non-Conformist Registers of England and Wales. There is considerable demand for these registers for many of our ancestors were dissenters from the established church.

As the Temple nears completion research interest is increasing. What do you know about your ancestors? Would you like to know more?

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El Sobrante Ward

Young People In 600 Baptisms

By Evelyn Childers

Seventeen El Sobrante Ward boys and girls were among the busload of 43 young people from El Sobrante and Rodeo Wards who journeyed to the Los Angeles Temple to perform 600 baptisms for the dead.

Tuesday night Genealogy Class has completed the ten basic steps of genealogy research and is going into advanced study. This class has been authorized by the General Authorities as an important course to aid in fulfilling oblgatons in searching out our dead. June Beraz, teacher, is an experienced researcher capable of answering questions and helping solve genealogy problems. Questions concerning the class, call June (235-6374).

Relief Society's combined spoon dinner, bake sale, and rummage sale was a success with $200 raised for welfare, building fund, and Relief Society.

A Jewish Congregation which meet in our chapel Saturday mornings for their Sabath School recently held their groundbreaking services. Bishop Ogden was one of the speakers in the program and they expressed much appreciation for the use of our building. Their Temple Beth Hillel is being built west of our chapel. We extend good wishes.

If you find coat buttons around the chapel, please return them to the proud new father! The first twins born in our ward on October 25 to Carol and Steve Echols were named Larry and Scott.

Our Ward expressed friendship and good wishes to Richmond Ward at the "Burn the Mortgage Dinner" by helping serve dinner and clean up; so the Richmond Ward members could be free to enjoy their memorable occasion.

The Snowflake Fantasy Rendezvous is in full swing now—menus planned, program ready, tickets & invitations issued, and all is going into the final stages of preparaton. Remember December 7 as the big night to attend this outstanding program. This event will not only bring you an evening of professional entertainment and delicious dinner, but add greatly to the building fund.

Brent Echols, though officially a member of Rodeo Ward, is still claimed in our hearts as one of our own. Since Brent left on his mission the ward has divided and many changes have come about. Now Brent is returned and will report his Kentucky mission to both Rodeo and El Sobrante Wards' Sacrament Meetings.

Be informed on the latest church events and benefit the stake missionary program by subscribing to the Church News. Make your check payable to the 339th Quorum of Seventies, mail to William Hunt, 525 Rincon Road, El Sobrante; or call 223-4022.

Indian Branch Is Organized

An Indian Branch of the Church has been organized in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

At Sacrament meeting November 10, in the Oakland 4th ward chapel, Ira B. Call was sustained as president of the branch which will be a dependent branch of the Oakland 4th ward. President Call will be assisted by William Ed Kingsford and Frank Willey as counselors.

President W. Paul Summerhays, second counselor in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake presidency, presented the new branch and officers for consideration of ward members who unanimously supported the move. Stake President O. Leslie Stone presided.

Master M-Men Awards Stressed

By Don L. Van Noy

Hayward Stake's third Master M-Men honor was awarded Joseph Supinger, elder in Hayward 2d Ward at the recent Hayward Stake Conference. Jack Hamblin, Stake MIA supertendent, who conferred the award, said "This signals the start of stake-wide campaign by the MIA to stimulate greater interest in the Church-wide incentive program." He estimated that at least five per cent of the stake population is elligible for the honor.

All MIA leaders in the stake are being asked to encourage actively dilligent participation in this inspired incentive program. Ward MIA secretaries are surveying their young people. Records will be kept and followed by the stake leadership on the number of members who by dint of age and testimony are elligible to work for an award. This will be followed by a close watch on those who actually are working toward this honor and proper recognition will be given to those who attain this degree of accomplishment.

To show that the Master M-Men and Golden Gleanor awrds represent great effort here are a few of the requirements: Alternative a member in good standing, attend MIA for three years, be an MIA officer for five years, fill an honorable mission for the Church, teach a class, work in the Temple, be an active M-Men & Gleaner Council member, serve as a priesthood leader, assume general chairmanship of a committee in charge of a stake function, give well organized speeches to the ward or stake congregations, present a complete book review, take part in a play, act as a director of a ward or stake production, perform in a speech festival. write a play, act as organist, write a roadshow, create a dance, perform in a dance, do a Treasure of Truth book. do an original work of art and so on. This plus athletics for the men and home economics for the women are a few of the requirements necessary to become a Master M-Men or Golden Gleanor.

We estimate that most active members have already filled many of the requirements without even realizing it and could receive credit toward their award if they would simply get the verifying signatures. We believe that if every active young person in the stake were to get credit for the requiretoward completing the rest there would be 87 more Master M-Men and Golden Gleanor in six months. Because all the activities the requirements are based on service to our fellow beings the stake MIA hopes that consequently a greater reward will be realized, that of a greater love for our fellow man and a greater love for the work of the Lord.

Mormon Choir Here Jan. 18

The southern California Mormon Choir will appear January 18 at the Eastbay Interstake Center, Lincoln Avenue and Warren Freeway. Starting time is 8:15 p.m. Hayward stake is sponsoring this Bay Area presentation of the colorful and famous choir. For further information, call William D. McCleary, 783-0636 or write, 821 Resota Street, Hayward, California.

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Husband-Wife In Organ Recital

The Interstake concert series concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, January 5, 1964, at 4780 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland,will be shared by a husband-wife combination:

JO ANN MANSFIELD, an artist in her own right, and KENNETH MANSFIELD.

Jo Anne has done a great deal of light opera work in the Bay Area, including roles with the Woodminster group, the Company of the Golden Hind, and the Opera Ring, San Francisco.

She studied in Portland, Oregon and while attending the University of California studied voice with Jean Hayden, of Oakland. At present she is continuing her study with Virginia Blair, well known in this area.

Mrs. Mansfield will sing two songs, one a group of secular songs by J. Duke and Vaughn William; the other a group of religious songs by Randall Thompson, Alec Rowley, and Kenneth Mansfield.

Mr. Mansfield, organist, will play works by Bach, Brahms, Tournemeir, Purvis, Pepping, and Dupre.

New Chapel Is Now In Full Use

By Elizabeth Burdett

Lafayette-Orinda Ward meetings have been held in the beautiful new chapel on Moraga Road since September 22.

Sunday, October 13 our beloved Bishop Edmond Y. Wells was released with a vote of thanks for his long and loyal service to the Ward. First Counselor Richard Holmes and Second Counselor M. Donald Merrill also were released with a vote of thanks. Brother Merrill was sustained as bishop. He chose as his counelors Joseph Davis as first counelor and Charles Hamaker as second counselor. Arthur J. Burdett. Vernon Olsen, and Fred Smyth were sustained as ward clerks.

The Eighth Quorum of Elders was re-organized Nov. 10 with Walter Ruefenacht as president, John Janke as first counselor, Ronald M. Everett as second counselor and Dale Stallings as secretary.

Elder Everett was welcomed home from his mission to the northern states October 16.

Little strangers were welcomed into the homes of Paul and Beth Brown and Tom and Marilyn Alexander. The first to arrive was Cheryl Ann on October 25 to the Paul Brown home. Brooke Ann arrived at Alexanders' October 29.

Linda May Hart became the bride of Walter Rowley Jr. October 12. The marriage was solemnized in the Los Angeles Temple. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hart of this ward. Walter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter I. Rowley Sr. A wedding reception was given the young couple at hte social hall of the Lafayette-Orinda Ward Saturday evening November 30.

Sister Mary Cherrington has had her Sister Mrs. Isabel Morgan as house guest for the last month. She left for her home in Hagerman, Idaho, Saturday, Nov. 16.

The Forrest Rhodes have had as house guest Mary Chippewa Jackson from Glacier Park, Montana. During her stay she was baptized into the church and was confirmed by Brother Forrest L. Rhodes.

The Young Marrieds held a bowling party Saturday Nov. 16. The ward Mutuals will give a hayride-caroling party December 23, returning to the recreation hall for the Christmas Dance for ages 12 to 112.

There was an Ancestor Treasure Hunt Party for the 13 and 14 year old genealogy members Sunday evening November 17th.

Jon Ferguson led the junior division of the stake in basketball with a total of 55 points for the first four games. Gregg Pickett was among the 10 top record score in the stake basketball with 34 points. Mel Morris, a new member in the ward. won the National Rifle Association small bore rifle award in a competition in Utah, just before coming to Lafayette. The Explorers plan a winter party to Camp Bray. They will also organize a water surfing club. They also plan a tour to the I.B.M. installation in Walnut Creek in the near future.

The parent demonstration classes of the Primary, Top Pilots, Co-Pilots, and Rainbows were successful and well attended by the mother. There are 140 Primary children enrolled, which is 85%. The attendance record is high This is the largest Primary Lafayette-Orinda Ward has ever had.

The King Sisters gave the King Sisters Family Show in Los Angeles Nov. 8. On Nov. 15 they were at B. Y. U. in Provo.

We are happy to learn that Catherin McIvor is convelescing at home after surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Robert and Helen Peterson are leaving to make their home in Denver, Colorado December 1st.

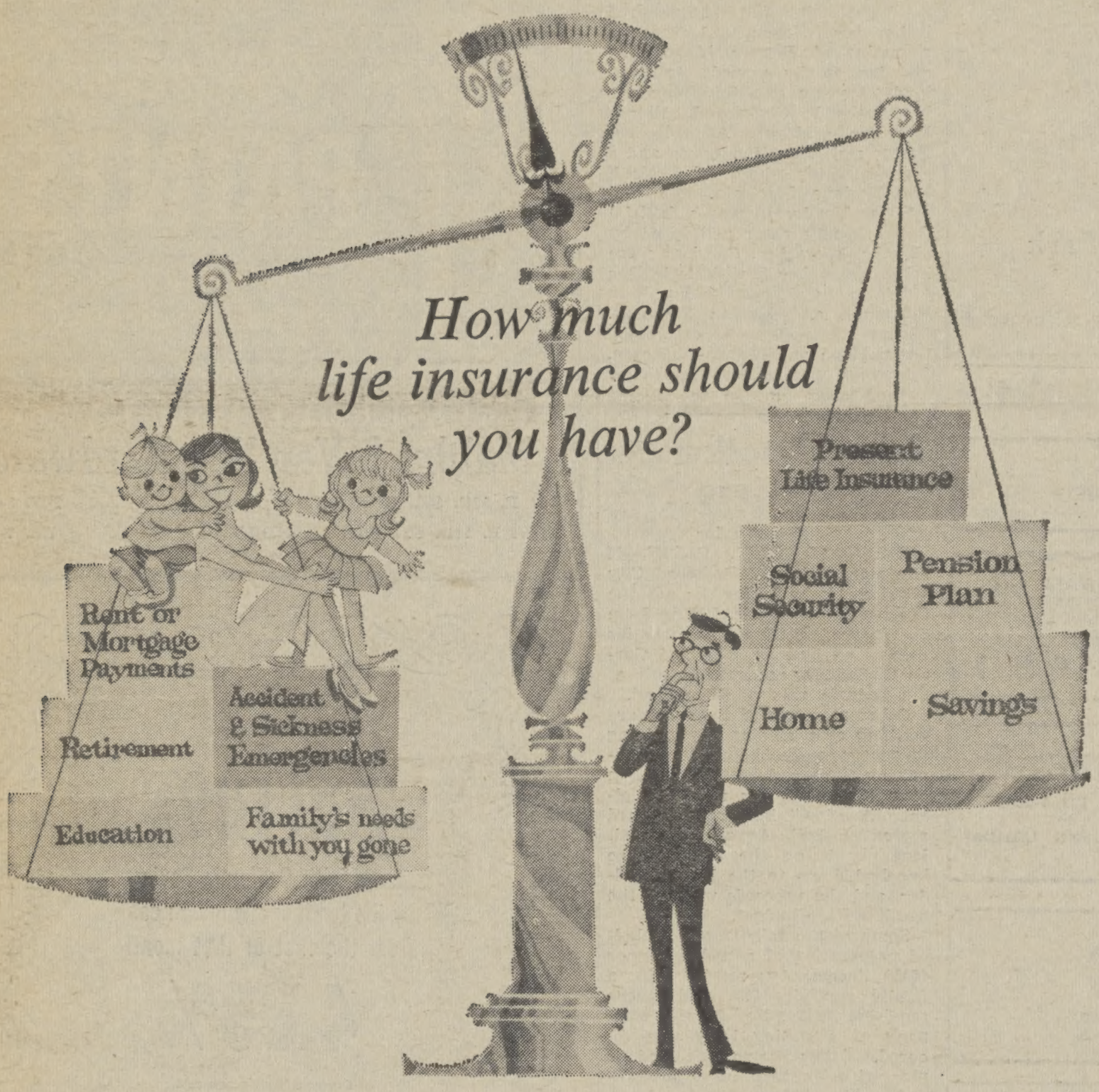
The homes of Mrs. Del Courtney, Mrs. Bierling, Mrs. George Hartzell and Mrs. Harold Fowler will be open for show in the Orinda area between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. December 10. They will be decorated for Christmas. Peggy Smith has tickets Phone 283-3827.

We will have our regular Christmas party Saturday, December 21. The theme this year is JOY TO THE WORLD.

Darik Lindsay Ferguson confirmed by his father Clarence L. Ferguson, Steven Gail Fjellstrom confirmed by Bishop M. Donald Merrill, David Lynn Lortsher confirmed by Bishop Merrill, Bruce Douglas Peterson by his grandfather Rudolph H. Peterson. Steven James Nelson was blessed by Bishop Merrill.

Mormon Singers

The November 16 issue of the Church News features two Mormon singing groups: The Osmond Brothers and the Clinger Sisters. The Osmond brothers have appeared several times on the Andy William TV show and in "Jamie McPheeters." The Clinger sisters are expected to make at least six appearances on the Danny Kaye Show. Both groups are active in the Church.



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John Wright

Funeral Services for Brother John Wright of Oakland 4th Ward were held September 29 at an Oakland mortuary. Brother Wright is remembered for his great testimony of the Gospel. A carpenter by trade, he worked foryears in the local shipyards .He was 81. A native of Coalville, Utah, he is survived by his wife, Estella, now living in Castro Valley with her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Matheson. Two of his five children were her for local services. They also accompanied Brother Wright to Ogdren, Utah for burial.

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Liahona Club Holds Dinner

The Liahona Club held its semi-annual dinner at the Oakland Cultural Hall October 28. The occasion was the regular ladies night, with President Sidney Feller presiding. Tributes were paid to the hard working men and women who have gone to the camp year after year to help with construction and clean-up. Camp directors from the various Stakes were guests of the club and were thanked for the splendid job they are doing. Eight Stakes are now using the camp and its facilities.

The dinner, prepared and served by Wendell Martin and his staff from Oakland 4th Ward, was well attended by friends, directors, and representatives from eight stakes. The table decorations were made and designed by Donna Fletcher of Palo Alto Stake. Her motif was carried out with figures representing the slogan: "So you want to climb a mountain." Community singing and numbers by Brother and Sister Stam of Alameda Ward were features of the program.

Highlight of the evening was an inspirational address by Brother Golden K. Driggs, who came from Fresno for the event.

LARRY LOLLAR received his Duty to God Award October 27 in the Mission ward, San Francisco Stake. Bishop Barber made the presentation. Larry was graduated from Polytec High last June and for the past month has been working at Sak's Fifth Avenue. He is studying decorating and designing in the evenings.

Cecelia Henderson

Sister Cecelia Henderson another fine member of Oakland 4th ward suffered a fall that resulted in her death November 1. She was a native of Beaver Idaho. She and her family moved to Oakland 24 years ago. Surviving are her husband Clyde and children Mrs. Bertha Morgan, Ancil, Robert Foster and Rex Henderson, and a granddaughter whom she raised, Mrs. Darlene Machada.

Sister Henderson was a faithful Relief Society sister and loved by all who knew her. Services were held November 5 with Dale Roe officiating and prayers by John Forsmann and Marion Stephens. Musical selections were offered by Susan Hood and Emma Matheson. Interment was at Mountain View Cemetary.

Talent Auction Aids Welfare

By Gay Taylor

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.—If any man or boy of Redwood City Ward needs barbering, its not the fault of the bishopric. Bishop John G. Weaver, together with both his counselors, Don W. Reid and Curtis O. Safsten, are cutting hair at the bargain rate of $1 a head.

Other members of the ward are washing cars, shining shoes, doing carpentry work, baby-sitting, repairing TV's and filling teeth, in connection with the annual "Talent Auction," held at the ward recreation hall. Anyone with tallent put it on the block to be knocked down to the highest bidder, and the proceeds went to the ward welfare budget.

Some of the talents sold included preparation of a turkey dinner ($15), income tax service ($6), a family portrait ($8), and stucco repairing ($12). For $5 the company of a fishing budy was secured. Other items included a plane ride for three, use of a weekend cabin, bakery goods, dressmaking, rototilling, genealogy research, typing, correcting school papers, hauling trash to dump, permanent waves, and furniture refinishing.

The artistic side of the ward was indicated when an original oil painting was knocked down at $8, and four art lessons were bid in at $4. However, the offer of professional story criticism brought no takers.

The auction raised more than $800 toward the welfare budget. The auction, together with the annual rummage sale, is depended upon to fill the welfare budget for the year.

FRANK NACKOS and Kayleen Jones were married September 14 in the Los Angeles Temple by President Benjamin Bowring. Frank served a mission in Switzerland from the Oakland Fourth Ward. He is son of James and Tena Nackos who now live in Costa Mesa, California. Kayleen is the daughter of the Max Jones of Payson, Utah.

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HELEN RAHLFS became the bride of Gayle Anderson at the Manti Temple October 15. Helen is daughter of Elsa Rahlfs of the Oakland Fourth ward, and Gayle is son of Col. and Mrs. Baline Anderson of Salt Lake City.Gayle served in the Northern California Mission and part of his mission was spent in the Oakland Fourth Ward. He is now attending the University of Utah. Helen recently completed service in the Canadian mission. They are making their home in Salt Lake City.

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Te Arohanui Maori

By Mary D.Westover

(For the benefit of the few of us who don't read Maori readily, this means "the great love of the Maori (people) to you.")

Every one of those attended the Te Arohanui Maori at the Interstake Center recently felt a personal pride because this wasn't just a group of fabulous dancers and musicians, it was 145 Mormons on a special mission to introuce the Maori culture to the continental United States.

It all began years ago when a group was paid by the steamship companies to say farewell to every ship leaving Aukland harbor by demonstrating native songs and dances, woodcarvings, and woven mats. The group, allof whom were devout members of the Church, decided to turn most of this money over to the building program in New Zealand. When they learned about the Polynesian Cultural Center at Laie, Hawaii, plans were made to attend the opening.

Some of the members traveled 350 miles to each practice session; others prepared the piupiu skirts and the upper garments and the cloaks of the feathers of the kiwi bird. Others prepared the finest woodcarvings and woven mats and linens or made arrangements to carry on the jobs of those who were going during their absence, or to take care of the families left behind. Going on a mission always involves sacrifice, but here a band of 110 members was being sent, and all must contribute to the expenses.

The mission did not stop at Laie, however, because consent was obtained to tour the Western United States that we might share their artisttry, and that the money thus obtained might be used to send Polynesian youngsters to the accredited Church schools and Universties in the Pacific.

Their skills were so breathtaking that they were overwhelmed with requests for appearance all over the west. The CBS technicians were so moved that arrangements were made to tape a session which will be released on the Danny Kaye show sometime in December. Is it any wonder that our eyes were a bit wet, our chests high, and our handsore from clapping?

Singing Mothers' Winter Concert

The Singing Mothers' Chorus of San Francisco Stake will present its annual winter concert in the Sunset Ward Chapel. 22nd Avenue and Lawton Street Friday, December 6 at 8:15 p.m.

A program of delightful music has been prepared by the 45-voice chorus. Songs of children, folk music, and, from last winter's concert, in answer to many requests, "Selections from The Music Man." Finally a sort group of Christmas songs. Jean Lauper is director with Mabel George and Eleanor Kennard as accompanists. Guest artist for the concert is Howard Ruff, distinguished baritone. He will sing selections from oratorio, light opera, and the concert stage. Brother Ruff is well known in San Francisco Stake having lived here at one time. He directed and performed in an outstanding production of Pinafore while here. He has had a brilliant career in music, being, for some time, the soloist of the Air Force men's chorus which has sung around the world.

Following the concert there will be an hour if socializing while punch is being served in the cultural hall. Admission is free.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Ed. Note

Too much sweetness and light. Let's have some hairshirt. This ain't (sic) natural. No body hate us?

—ED.

The Salt Lake Temple was the scene for the marriage October 23, 1963 of Ann Todd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Todd, 4925 Lincoln Way, Oakland, to H. Eugene Hess Jr. of Ashton, Idaho.

The couple were married by Temple President Willard R. Smith. After the wedding ceremony, wedding breakfast was held in the Lion House Social Center for the family and friends.

Following their honeymoon, they will make their home in Ashton, Idaho.

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Mission Ward

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By Ganel Miller

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Books of Remembrance are excellent Christmas gifts for anyone from 8 to 100 years old. Prices start at $1.00. Orders must be in early. See Verda Henry MI. 8-6333—or any LDS bookstore that advertises in The Messenger of Northern California.

Two Eagle Scout awards were given to boys related to Brother Irving and Sister Ida Biglow—his grandson, Robert, of Rulon and Marguerite, and Ronnie McKune, whose mother is Irving's sister, and who recently left for a foreign mission.

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San Mateans Hold Stake Conference

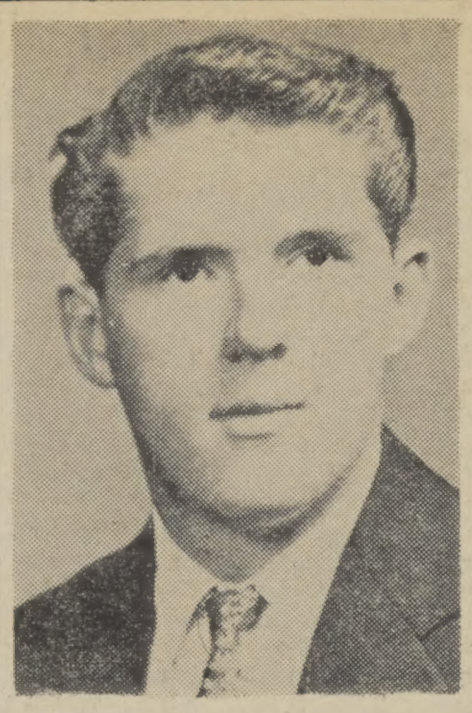
Elder Marion G. Romney, member of the Council of Twelve Apostles presided at a quarterly conference of the San Mateo Stake Saturday and Sunday, November 30 and December 1, at 37th Avenue and Alameda, San Mateo.

Accompanying Elder Romney were Elder Delbert F. Wright, member of the Priesthood Home Teaching Committee, and Elder Gerald G. Smith of the Missionary Committee.

General sessions of the conference were conducted Sunday at 10 am. and I:30 p.m. by Stake President Richard Isom Palmer, 131 Barcelona Drive, Milbrae.

Elder Romney is a former practicing attorney and served in several capacities as an elected public official in Salt Lake City. He is chairman of the famed Church Welfare Program. Formerly he served as a missionary to Australia, as a bishop and as a stake president. Elder Romney was born in Mexico and has traveled widely on church assignments.

Elders Wright and Smith addressed special meetings for Priesthood and Missionary leaders on Saturday.



Elder Douglas Gardner, son of Brother and Sister Sam Gardner of Alameda Ward, has been set apart as a zone supervisor in the Central American Mission . . He has been supervising elder in the Guatamala West region.

Elder Gardner, an Eagle Scout, holder of the "Duty to God" award and six 100% Individual Awards, has been in the mission field for 26 months.

In his new assignment brother Gardner will be laboring with 24 elders and 4 sisters. His assigned area will include the regions of Guatamala West, Guatamala North, office and Quezaltenango.

In all his leters home he emhasises his love for the mission and his work among the wonderful people of that area. Two of his Coverts, Brother and Sister Augusto Latona are now living in Alameda.

Oakland 3d Ward

Welfare Bazaar Slated Dec. 5-6

By Mary D. Westover

The annual Welfare Bazaar of the Oakland 3d Ward will be held in the Cultural Hall of the Interstake Center December 5 and 6. On Thursday we will feature 10c hot dogs, 2-5c candy bars and ice cream at snack bar, but Friday evening December6, there will be a Swiss Dinner. On both days there will be hosts of items for persinal use and Christmas giving from the needlework of the Relief Society to the toys, housewares, and rugs contributed for this purpose. There will be "mystery packages" at 25 and 35c and hand made quilts for a great deal more. You will find a wealth of things you want to buy for what you can afford to pay. The doors open Thursday at 3:00 p.m. and close at 9:00 p.m., but on Friday we will be there from 9:00 am to 9 p.m., DON'T OVERLOOK THE COUPON in our ad in the Messenger this month. We'll trade you $5.00 worth of Blue Chip stamps for it, when presented to our check-out stand.

Sympathy of the ward goes to the Joe Harris family on the death of their baby boy and Ruth Wright's family on the death of her mother, Mrs LiesettaGygi. Mrs. Gygi lived in Salt Lake City, but had visited so often in the ward that we felt as though we know her.

We continue to get good and interesting news from all our boys and girls in the missionary field. We are proud of the way these full-time missionaries are doing this very important work, and most happy at the way the work is opening up all over the world.

A large group from our ward made the pilgrimage to the Los Angeles Temple with the other members of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake so as to do ordinance work and complete sealings.

A turkey dinner was held in the cultural hall Saturday, November 16, There was a large attendance, outstanding entertainment, delicious food, and many subscriptions for the Era as a result of the festivities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Brother

We surely enjoy the news and advertising items The Messenger brings into our home each month. We compliment you and your staff.

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To The Editor:

May God Bless you in your good work. We love to read the Messenger.

Sister Alta Lollar

DEAR ED.

In the near future there will be many items to publish refering to the use and operation of the new "Branch Library." We would like the people to look for the latest news from the Library.

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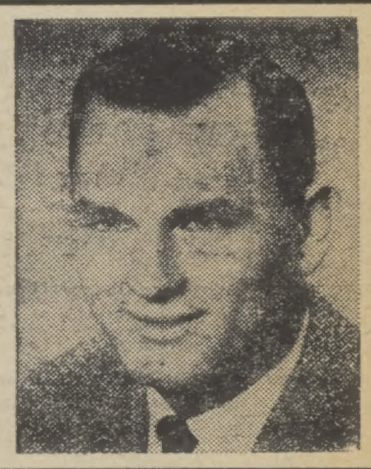

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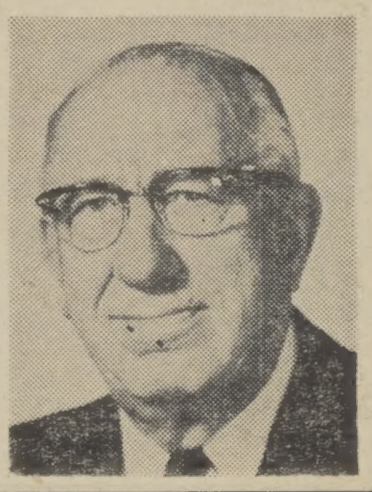

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"3 D's" Given Standing Ovation

By Bess Johnson

Castro Valley 2d Ward, tired but happy, thanks all who supported its Fabulous "3 D's" concert, November 15 at the Interstake Center. At the conclusion of their program, the 3 D's received a standing ovotion from the enthusiastic audience. Their popular record album of Mormon Folk Ballads is available through the MIA or the bishopric of the ward. These records, along with a special children's record, will make excellent and unique Christmas gifts.

Changes in the ward organiza-,tions during the last month included: new presidency of the teachers' quorum with Gordon Johnson as president, James Franckum, 1st counselor, Kirk Marsh, 2nd counselor. New presidency of the deacons' quorum comprises James Fontano as president, Kristin Hedquist 1st counselor, Brian McKinley, 2nd councelor, and Clifford Downing secretary. Two new workers in the Primary are Melody Phillips as chorister and Margaret Larsen, pianist. We are sorry to lose Joyce Hancock from the Relief Society presidency. She has been called to serve in the Stake Relief Society as stake work meeting leader.

We say goodbye regretfully to Brother and Sister William Day, who have served in many capacities in our ward. They are moving to Springtown.

Three babies were blessed November 3—Dale Alan Aguirre, Cheryl D. and Stacy E. Stewart. Ruth Ann Ostler was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church and sustained as a member of the Castro Valley 2nd Ward.

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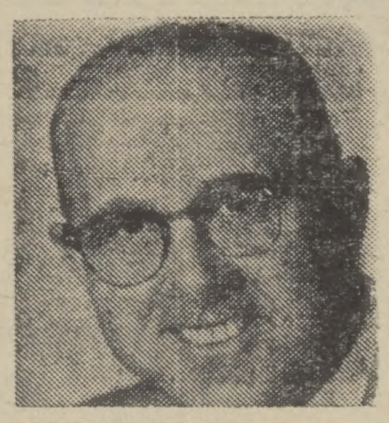

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Christmas Coming; So Rumor Hath It

By Nell Smith

The time has flown or dragged, depending upon your viewpoint which is dependent upon your age, but Christmas is here again and with it all of the merriment and upsurges of feelings of good will.

With the holiday season comes an increase in the launching of fund-raising projects and the favorite is always the ward bazaar. This annual event in Castro Valley Ward is set for December 7 and begins with a family dinner to be served under the direction of the bishopric and their wives .

The Relief Society will have its usual dsplay of handwork demonstrating the activities of the sisters throughout the year. Many items will be available for purchase including a special sale of fruit cake an other baked goods. It will be an evening for the entire family and a good occasion to invite friends and neighbors.

Then there is the "house tour" to be held December 12. Five of the ward families will open their homes so that guests may enjoy their Christmas decorations and even be allowed to borrow their ideas. Ticket will be $1.50 and refreshments will be served. It is for the building fund.

Just to have a chance to say "Merry Chrstmas" to our fellow ward members and to entertain the children there will be a ward Christmas party at the chapel on Wednesday, December 18. There is a rumor that the nice man in the red suit will pay us a visit too!

If you need Christmas cards they are available by calling Sisters Adele Lackey, Rosemary Ludwig, or Pat Hulet.

A warm welcome goes to the Ellenmier family: Joel and Sharon, and their two children; to Brother and Sister William Frazier Buck and their four children one of whom, William, Jr., is on a mission in Nova Scotia; and to Dr. and Sister Ned Mangelson with three youngsters.

Not quite so new are Dr. and Sister Bruce Merrill although Brother Merrill teaches the Gospel Doctri class and conducts a geneology class which is held on Wednesday nights in conjunction with MIA. He is assisted by Sister Anna Brown.

Other new members joined the congregation by way of baptism. They were Joan and Kim Singleton, daughters of Brother and Sister John Singleton, and David Gleason, son of Brother and Sister Brooks Gleason. Sister Gleason was recently named president of the Primary organization.

DID YOU KNOW THAT: Brother Milton Hendricks is now the new scoutmaster; the Deacons quorum attained a 100% attendance at meeting this month; Kenneth Smith was ordained to the office of teacher in the Aaronic priesthood; Gloria Gay Bradshaw and her husband Jimmy are visiting with their folks Brother and Sister Grant Gay; Sister Eunice Walton is ill and may require surgery; Brother and Sister Manfred Ehrhardt's baby son was blessed by his father this fast Sunday; Leonard Phister, who is in the Navy, was home on leave this month; and the John Hoovers are going to have a happy Christmas, their misionary son Ralph will be home for the holiday; he has been serving in the Scottish mission.

And speaking of missionaries, when you are caught up in the happy business of preparing for the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, try to find time to drop a card or letter to our fine young missionaries who are preaching His word.

There are five full-time missionaries from our ward and we have adopted two more whose famlies have moved into the ward. They are William F. Buck, Jr., who is in Nova Scotia and Marsdon Haws serving in Austria. Bishop Mudge says that missionary addresses will be brought up to date and posted in the Chapel foyer.

Claremont Ward

Parties Planned For The Holidays

By Betty Moss

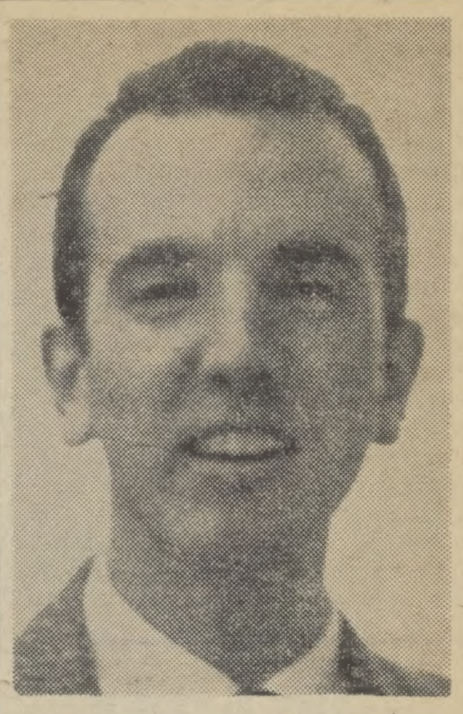
Claremont Ward is looking forward to the Christmas festivities. On December 20 we will all enjoy the annual Ward Christmas Party. The Elders' quorum, under the direction of Norris Finlayson, will serve dinner. The Primary will present a program befitting the occasion, and, of course, no Christmas party would be complete without the arrival of that jovial Santa to distribute treats among the young ones.

On December 17 the Relief Society will celebrate the season with a luncheon after the literature lesson.

During November the Aaronic Priesthood turned out for a Saturday morning work session at the ward. Doing their part were Dave Wilkins, Paul and Skip Barry, Fred and Joe Edvalson, John Leighton, and Sam Slater. Also there helping were Bill Knecht, Gene Fox, Bill Bushman, and Ed Lashlee. Nancy McSwain prepared and served breakfast to the workers.

The Young Marrieds recently enjoyed a fireside at the home of Cheryl and Card Smith. Baurar Ritchie gave an inspirational talk to about 16 couples that evening. This same group got together after the Donna Turner Smith concert for refreshments and good talk at the home of Delores and Doug Bennion. After the Harvest Ball the group gathered at the home of Eunice and Bill Knecht. Everyone is looking forward to the Chistmas fireside at the home of the Knechts. This fireside will be held December 15 and will include a program and carol singing.

Lillian Desmond died during the last month. A memorial service was held for her at the November 9 Sacrament Meeting. Bishop John Hughes, stake mission president, spoke at the service.



ELDER RONNY McKUNE was honored at a missionary farewell Sunday evening October 20, in Balboa 2nd Ward Chapel. He has been called to the Austrain Mission. Ron is the son of Floyd T. and Eva B. McKune. He is a graduate of Lowell High School and has attended San Francisco State. Elder McKune served Interim Secretary for the sixth quorum of Elders in San Francisco Stake. He is past president of both the San Francisco Stake M-Men and Gleanor Counciland the Deseret Club of San Francisco State College. His hobby is photography.

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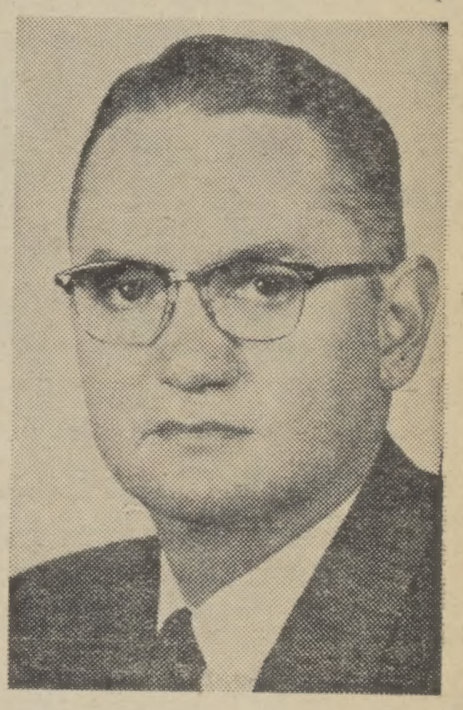

Education Theme Of Convention

Oakland 4th Ward Chapel provided the setting for the annual bay district education convention. Stake presidencies, bishoprics, and ward education committees were invited to attend the Friday night meeting. As they entered the building, their eyes fell on a display prepared by Anna Hoem, area coordinator of the Hayward and San Leandro Stake Seminaries. Old Testament maps and charts, together with a large map indicating the various Seminaries and Institutes of the Bay Area District, made up the bulk of the display.

At 5:30 p.m. Friday, November councilmen in charge of education met for a banquet and business meeting. Assistant Administrator Alma P. Burton president at the meeting. Speeches were given by Clarence L. Fields, district coordinator of Seminaries, Pres. Irvin G. Derrick, chairman of the district board of education, and administrator Burton. Kenneth W. Godrey, director of the Bay Area Institutes ,conducted the meeting.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting on Friday, was conducted by Brother Burton. A devotional was provided by the Vallejo College Institute students and the Napa Seminary students. Talks were given by Clarence Fields, Kenneth Godrey, Lee Kenner, President Milton Ream, President Kenneth Jensen, and Alma P. Burton.

On Saturday, November 16, at 9:00 a.m., all Seminary and Institute teachers in the district assembled for a full day workshop session. A devotional was provided by the Pittsburg Seminary. Teaching methods and techniques were discussed with teachers by Alma P. Burton, how to plan and conduct a Seminary class was talked about under the direction of Clarence Fields. Joel W. Sedgwick talked about "Meeting the Emotional needs of Students." Kenneth Godfrey talked about "How to Teach the ld Testament."

Entertainment for the noon luncheon was provided by Don Martindale and Georgene Moffitt.

More than 75 teachers attended the convention. They represent 2,000 students.

Christmas Party Schedule Told

By Marilla Bodily

Berkeley 2d Ward Relief Society under Grace Boyack meets December 1 for its theology and visiting teacher's message. December 12 will be the annual Christmas work day. This is a special day when the ladies work on gifts and decorations with special emphasis on table decor. In addition Lucille Ream will present her regular lesson on the Latter Day Saint home. December 19 will be the Christmas social and luncheon with June Ellis arranging a Christmas literary lesson.

Berkeley 2d Ward Mutual has invited Berkeley 1st Ward to join in a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 18. The program is being organized with the young people doing the entertaining . . The Saturday night dances are being sponsored by Berkeley 2d Ward during December.

Our Boy Scouts have enjoyed a full and busy year. During the year three of our boys have earned the high Duty to God Award: Alan Balmforth, Mark Hopkins and William Johnson. The latter is on a mission in Norway.

At the Court of Honor held October 27 the following boys received advancement in rank: Blair Hale became a Life Scout; Norman Pack and Mike Dubinsky were advanced to Star Scouts; Doug Cain, Barry Clyde, Kevin Flamm, Stephen Ricks, and Bill Spicer became second class Scouts; and, Robert Hulme and David Kuhre earned their tenderfoot rank. Appointed senior patrol leader was Harvey Hulme who also earned seven merit badges and the 50-miler Award. Assistant senior patrol leader is Robert Wallace who was also on the 50-miler. Patrol leaders and assistants are: Paul Ricks with three merit bades and Gordon Fullmer with two; Norman Pack with four merit badges and the 50-miler and John Woolf with five merit badges and the 50-miler; Howard Bodily with two merit badges and the 50-miler and Mike Dubinsky with two and the 50-miler. Other boys earning merit badges were: John Balmforth, Jim Casewell, Blair Hale, Robert Owens, David Wallace, Bill Young, and Bill Spicer. Others earning the 50-miler award were Troop leader David Hulme, Guide Patrol Leader Howard Bodily, Richard Bodily, Ray Balmforth, John Balmforth. Jack Evans, Greg Evans, Ray Hawkins, Robert Hawkins, Bob Cluff, and Bill Spicer.

The Primary and the Sunday School are again planning their joint Christmas dinner for the families of the ward. Frank Crockett is in charge of the dinner and the program will be arranged by Marilyn Chamberlain, Primary Chorister.

When El Cerrito High School sophomore class held elections. Robert Owens became president. On the central committee are Sam Holmes and Maureen Wheeler.

Elder LePray Is Home From Texas

By Marjorie Simard

Elder Hal LaPray returned in November after serving two years in the Texas mission and made his report to Hayward Ward November 3. He chose prayer as the theme of his talk, bore testimony to its power and effectiveness, and cited many experiences that had helped to teach him this. Hal's parents, Bertha and Clyde LaPray, also spoke and expressed appreciation for the blessings of the Lord and the generity of the different Priesthood quorums during the many months that Brother LaPray was injured and unable to work. Elder LaPray returned to Provo and is now enrolled at BYU, completing his last year of work toward a degree in education.

San Francisco Stake

Relief Society Staff Changes

By Jean Rauper

During the lat few months Lillian Collett, stake president of the Relief Society, has lost two counselors. Therma Roberts was released to become president of Sunset Ward Relief Society and Mary Tolley because of family responsibilities.

Sister Roberts served as first counselor for five years and Sister Tolley a total of ten years, seven under President Gladys Winter and three under Sister Collett.

Sister Ethel Ball has been called to be the work director counselor. She has been serving as magazine agent in Sunset Ward, but has a long and full experience in Relief Society work, having served in almost every capacity. She was president of Sunset Ward Relief Society at one time.

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Mission Home Story Continued

This is the second of a series of articles by the wife of President Howard W. Allen of the Northern California Mission on the history of the mission from its 1942 move into the old Mission Home in San Francisco to the recent move to Temple Hill, Oakland. The series will be continued as space permits.

By Maxine Allen

A new Genealogical project was started the last six months of 1944. A booklet of instructions was prepared to take the place of a library and enable the saints to successfully carry on a considerable increase and interest in genealogical work in the branches of the mission.

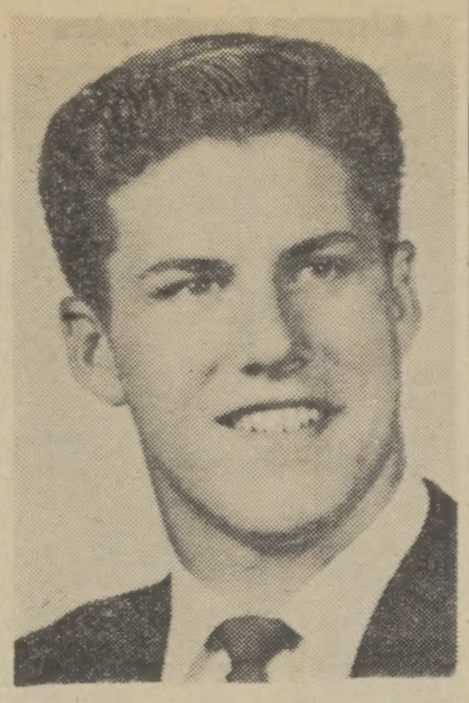
In September 1946 the historical record reports on the growth of the branches as follows: "The membership as present is approximately 5.600 members. There 42 branches and seven districts. The annual tithing record is about $20.00 per capita. One of the greatest opportunities for further growth lies in finding and winning members of split families and reconversion of indifferent members who have come into this area over a period of 100 years. About 90 per cent of the growth in this mission has come from these groups." (Quoted from a letter to President George Albert Smith and counselors from President Oscar A. Kirkham who had just completed a tour of the mission. He reported "Housing in Branches": "Ten of the forty-two branches now have their chapels. Three are nearing completion and will be ready soon for dedication. Two others have their foundations under construction. The Klamath Falls Chapel was erected March 19, 1945 to March 1946 and will soon be ready for dedication. This is one of the finest chapel buildings in the church. Preliminary plans are now going forward for ten other buildings. It is the history here that branches grow in membership and spiritual strength when they have a building program. In the erection of the Klamath Falls Chapel, five of the six non-Mormon families who were engaged in construction of the chapel have been baptized.") The northern California Mission expects that the completion of the Temple in Oakland will increase the spirituality and further missionary work in that area.

President and Sister Ellsworth served nearly 7½ years. While they were in the mission they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary. They truly did an outstanding work for the northern California Mission. On June 5, 1949 President Thomas W. Gardner and Sister Amelia P. Gardner of Salt Lake City were assigned the responsibility of heading the northern California Mission.

At the end of 1950 it was reported that there were 491 convert baptisms that year. This has increased. In 1955 the northern California Mission had 617 converts with 109 missionaries. In 1957 it had 1,410 convert baptisms. The highest number of convert baptisms per month was March 1963 at which time there were 784 baptisms by the northern California Mission. For the first six months of 1963, convert baptisms were 3,538. The highest number of baptisms per missionary was accomplished by Elders Robert Telford and David Boyd. six months they baptized 116. The northern California Mission is now second in the Church in number of monthly baptisms.

On January 7, 1951 the Santa Rosa Stake was formed from members of the Berkeley Stake and Santa Rosa District of the northern California Mission. Several other changes of branches were made at that time under direction of Elder Stephen L. Richards and Alma Sonne. San Rafael Branch was joined to the San Francisco Stake and Livermore Branch to Oakland Stake. Since many new stakes have been formed and branches have been added to already existing stakes until today there is only one branch under the direction of the northern California Mission, that is the Owyhee Indian Branch at Owyhee, Nevada.

To Be Continued



WILLIAM F. FOULK, the third son of Donald and Marion Sovereign of Pleasant Hill Ward to be called to a Spanish speaking Mission. Bill is going to the Central American Mission with headquarters in Guatemala City, Guatemale. He entered the mission home in Salt Lake City Oct. 14. He will spend 3 months attending the language school of Brigham Young University in Provo.

Bill has two brothers recently returned from Mission. Don returned from Guatemala in June 1962. and Ben served as counselor to Pres. Ronald Stone for one year in the north Argentine Mission and returned in September of this year.

Bill's farewell Testimonial was held in Pleasant Hill Oct. 6.

David Larson In Report On Mission

By David Larson

During my 2½ years in the Central German Mission I learned to love and respect the German people. As a branch president for eight months in Krefeld I never ceased to marvel at the strong testimonies of the saints, some of whom would travel three to four hours by bus or train just to attend our combined Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting and the same long trip returning home.

During the latter part of my mission as second counselor it was my duty to travel throughout the mission. I was thrilled to visit branches and see the growth and development of individuals who without any leadership experience prior to their baptism are now holding positions of authority and are convincingly teaching and leading others .

One humble missionary who was never able to master the language was still a powerful instrument of the Lord, and at the time of his release had converted more people than other missionaries who might seem to be better prepared.

It was a faith-promoting experience to join with other missionaries in a special fast day, praying for the recovery of one of our missionaries who was paralyzed and blind as the result of an accident and later to witness his recovery and return to active service as a missionary.

Two poster campaigns were pioneered in our mission and have pread to other missions. Now people all over Germany are familiar with our posters, "Why don't you go to your church with your family next Sunday?" and "Practice tolerance and brotherly love." These poster campaigns have softened the hearts of the people to accept us and our message more readily.

I am grateful for the privilege I have had as a missionary, and I hope I can always follow the advice given us by our Mission President, Stephen C. Richards, "Stay in tune with the Lord."

Stake Missions' Role Described

By Marilla Bodily

The importance of the stake missionaries to our wards is becoming more apparent each month. In Berkeley 2d Ward we have an unusual group. It is not large, but we have the first and second counselors of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Mission, Owen Quinton and Zendell Hale, our district president, Roy Mower, his wife, Fannie Mower, Delores Brown, and Diana Malstrom. As a result of their compined work with aid from the full time missionaries and some of the members of the ward we have since July baptized the following new members: Alberdina Droogsma, Charles Wheeler, Bessie Kaffie, Pattie Ingels and her daughter Shelly, Tora Del Sligar, Sunny Lee Bockmeier, her niece Madelene Forester, William James Bedford and Sister Malstrom's aunt, Gladys Evans.

We welcome these new members and hope that the changes which come into their lives will help them to understand the teachings of the Lord and make their lives more meaningful. May they find joy in activity in the ward and enjoy the friendship of the other members.

Members in the ward can help by: first, giving referrals either to the district president or to the ward stake missionaries and, second, realizing that the work of the missionaries will be greatly assisted if all ward members are active in the "fellowshipping" of the new members. They need more than just a greeting upon entering the church. They need the sincere interest and pleasant helpfulness from members whih we all consider synonymous with the word "Mormons."

Stake Missionaries although fully employed are expected to spend at least 10 nours each week in proselyting. This is contacting potential members, searching for contacts, holding cottage meetings and teaching. In addition, other hours are to be spent in study either alone or with a companion and in prepacing for the contacts. As an example, Sister Malstrom in one month spent 130 hours in proselyting, was out ten times for visiting and spent 55 additional hours in study and preparation She has enthusiam and the belief tnat her call is of such importance that she is given the additional drive to carry out her missionary duties on top of teaching school during the daytime. The president of the stake mission and his counselors have to spend the same number of hours proselying and also are responsible for the administrative records and problems of aiding any missionary without a companion or in contacts with which they need help. They are also helping full time missionaries within the stake area.

An interesting and effective contact being used is the L.D.S. Youth Group. Non-member children met through proselying or referrals are invited to join one of these groups. The meaning and activities of the group are explained to the parents. There are definite rules and regulations governing them and the parent gives written permission for the children to join. They are taught the gospel and if they want to be baptized at the end of the discussions the parent has already given his sanction to the learning. After the children are contacted there is frequently a better ground upon which which to discuss the religious principles with the parents.

All members of the wards are urged to realize the importance of the missionary work and to answer President MacKay's request that all members serve as missionaries of the church. Your referrals will be the future members of the future church. Help stake missionaries so that your non-member friends may become members.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Anthony Woolf and family and to Mary Woolf, his mother, upon the recent death of Dr. Wilford Woolf. He leaves his wife, and two other sons and a daughter and grandchildren.

McClellans Return From South American Mission

By Marjarie Simard

Former Bishop D. Ross McClellan and his wife Margaret made their missionary report to the Hayward Ward on November 10, after spending more than two years in the work missions in South America. Beside his long years of devoted service to the Church, Bishop McClellan received the call to direct construction of Church buildings because of his background in the Spanish language and his experience in construction. Sister McClellan took with her a devotion to her husband and his work, varied talents as a teacher and worker in the auxiliaries, and a gift for languages which she quickly utilized.

One of Sister McClellan's assignments was as advisor to the Relief Society in Montevideo, Uruguay, which was headquartersfor both proselyting and work missions of South America. She was instrumental in starting a form of welfare program, so that where there was at first no thought for tomorrow, there is now spread throughout the mission a program for providing for families of the work missionaries, some of the needy, and for storing certain foods.Another task which fell to Sister McClellan was preparing a monthly newspaper which reported the progress of the building program and news of the workers. It grew to 24 mimeographed pages, was sent to more than three hundred members and was written in both English and Spanish! In Brazil there were readers whose language was Portugese, but they made out with the Spanish.

Bishop McClellan arrived in Uruguay with three other experts in different phases of the building business, whose task it was to inaugurate this great new program of Church building now going on in South America. as it is in many parts of the world. They had to acquire land, get plans approved, contracts drawn up, and supervise construction. In Montevideo they bought a square block, on which they built homes fo rthe president of the South American missions, President Tuttle, for the McClellans and those who would succeed them as supervisors of the work, and for others called to direct this program. These first buildings to the amazement of the were constructed in eight months. builders who did not believe such speed possible and resisted it all the way. A mission home and chapel were also build on this same block. Bishop McClellan traveled all over the vast continent of South America by plane and train overseeing similar construction, supervising the work of over two hundred work missionaries, called by the Church and trained in the work they are to do. These buildings are greatly needed because of the rapid growth of the Church, and also serve as a missionary to bring people into the Church.

Norman McClellan, 15, who lived with his parents for two years in Montevideo and atened a British school also reported to the ward. It was testimony-building to those in the congregation to see through the eyes of these three a little of the great growth of the Church of Jesus Christ. Because of the perfect organization of the Church can such great and marvelous things come about.

San Leandro Ward

Samoan Mission For Island Son

by Ruby Ostler

A farewell testimonial for Elder Carl Fonoimoana was held in the San Leandro 2d Ward Sunday, November 10. Elder Fonoimoana will be laboring in the Samoan Mission—the land of his fathers. Music for the program was furnished by the northern California Samoan Choir who rendered some beautiful numbers in their native tongue. Speakers were Doris Hansen and George Collins. Refreshments were served in the Cultural Hall following the meeting. Many friends and relatives called to wish Carl well.

Members of San Leandro 2d Ward were happy to welcome Elder Arnold Miller home from the French Mission and to hear his fine report on his work in France where he has labored for the last 27 months. Elder Miller said the work of the Lord is progressing rapidly in France and the missionaries are having more success than ever before in their history. More than two thousand people are expected to be baptized this year.

Castro Valley Ward

Relief Society's Unique Service

By Nell Smith

Some time ago a mother in Castro Valley ward found it necessary to make plans for her daughter's wedding reception in rather short notice. In her dilemma she called on her Relief Society president for help.

The event was a great success because the president took it over and arranged for everything with the help of a couple of sisters and everybody, especially the mother of the bride, was happy.

This episode brought about the creation of a service unique with the Castro Valley Ward Relief Society. They will arrange your wedding reception, or any other kind of reception, for you or help you with your plans.

Sister Edna Wood, chairman of the committee, says they have most of the equipment necessary for serving light refreshment and for flower arrangement. But they cannot do catering. She is assisted by Sisters Rosemary Ludwig, (who was the president who started it all) and Ethel Hoover.

Since that day they have supervised more than 25 weddings and receptions that have resulted in substantial contributions to the ward building fund.

Further information concerning this interesting service may be obtained by writing or calling Mrs. Edna Wood, 5160 Cunnngham Court, Castro Valley; phone 537-1424.

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Growth In Chile

The Arica, Chile, branch in the Andes Mission has baptized converts for 26 consecutive weeks. In half a year they have baptized at least one person a week. At the beginning of the year there were 60 members in the branch, now there are two branches with more than 230 members ,according to the Church News.

Music Conductors Will Be Trained

By Jean Lauper—
Stake Music Director

Realizing the great need in the wards for qualified music directors, San Francisco Stake will hold a series of 8 lessons to train new conductors, starting the middle of January.

The stake is fortunate to have living here at present A. Laurence Lyon, member of the San Francisco Ward Bishopric, who will teach the course. Brother Lyon is a composer, conductor, and instrumentalist and is just completing the work on his Ph D. from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. While living in Rochester he was music director of the Cumorah Stake and taught similar classes in conducting.

Following the first eight week course in essentials of conducting, a second, more advanced course will be given for those who want to work with choirs and choruses. Brother Lyon plans to bring in outstanding directors of the stake, Lurrine Burgess, Lynn Detwiler and others, to assist in certain phases of his course.

Church members of all ages are urged to attend these courses. It will be particularly useful for teen ager, girls who can work in the organizations, and young men who will be going on missions. More mature men and women will find a useful skill. It is wonderful way to serve the Lord and the church.

More information will be available next month.

Cowdery Kin Dies

Zoe Beards' grandmother died November 4 and was buried November 6 in Sacramento. Her maiden name was Cowdery and through genealogy research it was found that she is a distant relative of Oliver Cowdery. She was baptized in the Church only two years ago through the referral method.

Maureen Taylor was married October 18 to Keith Mikesell in the Logan, Utah, Temple.

The young married group at Oakland 2nd ward is very successful. They recently had a fireside and have had other socials taht were enjoyed by those active in the group. New members are welcome.

The Oakland 2nd Ward scouts have a kitty of $115.00. They have been saving papers besides other fund raising events. As far as fun. They go to Hayward Plunge every Tuesday. Scouts get a special rate —they are planning an ice skating outing, and recently had an overnight in Los Mochos.

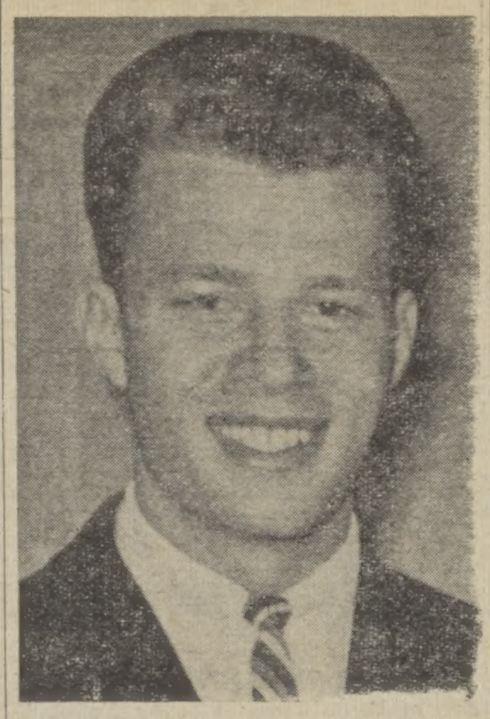
Hanson-Krieger

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce S. Hanson of Sunset Ward, San Francisco Stake have announced the marriage of their daughter Sally to Edwin Krieger Jr. The wedding was Nov. 22 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Eddie is the son of Mr and Mrs. Clarence E. Krieger of Temple City. The possessor of an unusually fine tenor voice, he has studied music at Pasadena City College and B.Y.U. where he sang with the A Cappela and Delta Phi Choruses. Soon after coming to San Francisco in 1957 he was baptized a member of the Church. He has been music director of Bay Ward, Stake Sunday Schol Chorister and is now assistant director of the Sunset Ward Choir.

Following the wedding the bride and groom flew to southern California where they spent a week at the Krieger beach home at Newport Beach. The Hansons will entertain at a wedding reception to be held in Sunset Ward December 7 and a week later Eddie's parents will have a reception for them in their home in Temple City.

Duane C. Rogers



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Hoopes Named To Safeway Office

Lorenzo N. Hoopes of 45 Mott Place, a member of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake High Council, has been elected a vice president of Safeway Stores, Inc. He is presently manager of the firm's Dairy and Egg Division.

Safeway President Robert A. Magown said "Ren" would continue in his present managerial position.

A native of Brigham Ctiy, Utah, Brother Hoopes is also vice president of the Oakland Board of Education and is former bishop of the Oakland 3d Ward. He is a director of both the National and California Dairy Councils.

In 1953, he served as executive assistant to U.S. Secretary of Argriculture Ezra T. Benson in Washington, D.C.

Invitation To Join Mormonaires

By Lucy Jacogs

An invitation is extended to single women between the ages of 25 and 49 and men between the ages of 25 and 55 to join the Mormonaires' Club.

A Fireside is held at Oakland 4th Ward Chapel, 470 Virginia Street, at 8 a.m. the first Sunday of every month.

Dances are held regularly on the second and fourth Saturdays at Oakland Temple Hill Chapel. There is an hour of dance instruction before the regular dance so come join the fun at 8 p.m.

Admission to the Square Dance Party in Concord November 16 was one box supper. Delicious food, joyous singing, and fun dancing was the order for the evening. Brother Le Grand Barfuss was caller for the dancing.

Why not join your friends, or come and make new friends, if you are eligible for membership in the club?

P B O Speaker At San Leandro

Bishop Robert L. Simpson, first counselor in the Presiding Bishopric of the Church, Salt Lake City, presided at a quarterly conference of the San Leandro Stake Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24, in Hayward.

Accompanying Bishop Simpson were Elder Delbert F. Wright of Danville, a member of the Priesthood Home Teaching Committee, and Elder T. Bowring Woodbury of the Missionary Committee.

General sessions of the conference were conducted Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. by Stake President Milton P Ream, 17365 Boston Road, Hayward

Bishop Simpson, former president of the Church's New Zealand Mission, was chief supervisor of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's accounting office in southern California until called to the Presiding Bishopric in 1961. He has held important administrative positions in the Church and in business.

Elders Wright and Wodbury addressed special meetings for Priesthood and Missionary leader on Saturday.

Scout Honor

BERKELEY, CALIF.—The Mt. Diablo Council, Boy Scouts of America, recently slected a BYU student, Allan R. Tidwell, as its candidate for the report to the Nation Program.

He will complete with 54 other youths of the Southwest Region for the right to be one of 12 who report to President John F. Kennedy on the 1963 Scout program. One youth will be selected from each of the 12 BSA regions .

A son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Allan Tidwell, Richmond, Calif., Allan has been active in Scouting since he was a Cub. He attained the rank of Eagle and attended the 1960 National Jamboree. He was vice precident and president of his Explorer post, post representative and district cabinet chairman.

Allan was secretary of the steering committee of the first LDS International Explorer Conference held at BYU in August. He has earned five Aaronic Priesthod awards.

Outsanding in school and in other fields. Allan holds a life membership in the California Scholarship Federation. He is an NRA sharp shooter with eight bars; placed fifth in a national mathematic contest in 1962; holds a Red Cross Life Saving certificate; won a Bank of America certificate of recognition in the field of laboratory sciences and was awarded a BYU scholarship.

Effie Wimmer

Funeral services for Mrs. Effie Wimmer, 85, were held November 18 in Oakland. She was a member of the Oakland 2d Ward, San Leandro Stake. In her obiturary, the Oakland Tribune reported, "Another link with California's Gold Rush days is gone."

Her late husband, John Gardner Wimmer was a cousin of John Wimmer who was credited with discovering the first gold nugget at Coloma in 1848. Mrs. Wimmer's husband died in 1950. Mrs. Wimmer died Wednesday, November 13. She was born November 6, 1878 at Randolph, Utah. She left a history prized by her family and which was praised during the funeral services by Bishop John E. Drushal of the Oakland 2d Ward.

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